IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MIGUEL GARZA,

Petitioner,

2:04-cv-0625-GEB-JFM-P

VS.

SCOTT KERNAN, Warden, et al.,

Respondent.

ORDER

Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, has timely filed a notice of appeal of this court's September 28, 2009 denial of his application for a writ of habeas corpus. Before petitioner can appeal this decision, a certificate of appealability must issue. 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c); Fed. R. App. P. 22(b).

A certificate of appealability may issue under 28 U.S.C. § 2253 "only if the applicant has made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right." 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2). The certificate of appealability must "indicate which specific issue or issues satisfy" the requirement. 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(3).

A certificate of appealability should be granted for any issue that petitioner can demonstrate is "debatable among jurists of reason," could be resolved differently by a different

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court, or is "adequate to deserve encouragement to proceed further." <u>Jennings v. Woodford</u>, 290 F.3d 1006, 1010 (9th Cir. 2002) (quoting Barefoot v. Estelle, 463 U.S. 880, 893 (1983)).¹

Petitioner has made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right in the following issue presented in the instant petition: the prosecutor's peremptory strike of an African-American woman from the jury panel was based on race in violation of <u>Batson v. Kentucky</u>, 467 U.S. 79 (1986);

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of appealability is issued in the present action.

Dated: November 9, 2009

ARLAND E. BURRELL, JR.

United States District Judge

¹ Except for the requirement that appealable issues be specifically identified, the standard for issuance of a certificate of appealability is the same as the standard that applied to issuance of a certificate of probable cause. Jennings, at 1010.